TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SECOND COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION, 1101.

Tuesday, the 3rd November, 1925.

(OFFICIAL REPORT).

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty-five of the Clock, the Deputy President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Experts for examining Soils in the Agricultural Department.

21. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names and qualifications of those officers in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries who are competent to conduct investigations and experiments on marshy or alkaline soils or both, as the case may be?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): There is only one officer in the Department who is qualified and competent to conduct investigations of the kind referred to. His name and qualifications are given below:

Name.	*Qualifications.*
Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar, Assistant Agricultural Chemist.	(1) Passed the B. A. Degree Examination, in Chemistry, of the University of Madras. (2) Has undergone training in technical chemistry for about two years at the Institute of Science, Bangalore, prior to his appointment as Assistant Agricultural Chemist in the Department. (3) Subsequent to his joining the Department, he was trained (at Government cost) in soil bacteriology at the Imperial Research Institute, Pusa.

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